

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

**CASE NO. 22-20104-CR-BECERRA**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

ARCANGEL PRETEL ORTIZ,

Defendant.

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**NOTICE IN COMPLIANCE WITH COURT'S ORDER (DE 819)**

Arcangel Pretel Ortiz, through undersigned counsel, submits this notice in compliance with the Court's September 13, 2024 Order that followed oral argument at a status conference on September 11, 2024.

Mr. Ortiz hereby gives notice that he intends to present a public authority defense. Based on a preliminary review of discovery and independent investigation, there is reason to believe significant evidence exists that supports a "public authority" defense theory.

Additionally, the defense has uncovered evidence that would support Mr. Ortiz's good-faith reliance on the advice of counsel. Mr. Ortiz hereby gives notice that he may assert an advice of counsel defense at trial.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on September 13, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing document with the Clerk of the Court using CM/ECF. I also certify that the foregoing document is being served this day on all counsel of record or *pro se* parties identified on the attached Service List in the manner specified, either via transmission of Notices of Electronic Filing generated by CM/ECF or in some other authorized manner for those counsel or parties who are not authorized to receive electronically Notices of Electronic Filing.

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